

e-worship dukestreet CHURCH

Sunday 24th January 2021

Welcome

It's so good that we can continue to worship together, even though we are not in the same place at the moment. Huge thanks to Matt and Beth Bryant for leading this service and to Malcolm Cordle for speaking. The service includes communion and this can be a bit strange when we're apart from each other but it's a good time to quieten our hearts and remember the extent of Jesus' sacrifice for us.



I'm glad to be able to get out walking & I've noticed flowers beginning to appear - primroses and hellebores in the garden and daffodil buds are getting ready to smile at us. Spring is round the corner. This reminded me of the "Flowers of the field" that Jesus talks about in Matt 6. We are reminded that God is in control of the big things and the little things, and that he very much cares about us.

In The Message, the end of Matt 6 says: "*God will help you deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes.*"

Heavenly Father, thank you that you are in control of the big and the small, that you understand us better than we understand ourselves. Thank you that you have us safe in your hands and that you sustain us. We remember today our friends who have had a tough week with ill health, loneliness, disappointments and frustrations. Please bring them comfort and relief. Please quieten our hearts now as we come to worship you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Introduction & songs

We're all aware of how much bad news there is around at the moment and it's easy to feel angry, hopeless & overwhelmed BUT God is more powerful than this pandemic & all of our problems, so we're going to begin our service with a medley of 3 joyous worship songs, & to accompany these, on the back page there are some good news items from the past year - some from Duke Street & some from world news - to help us remember how much we have to be grateful for.

I raise a hallelujah, in the presence of my enemies
I raise a hallelujah, louder than the unbelief
I raise a hallelujah, my weapon is a melody
I raise a hallelujah, heaven comes to fight for me

I'm gonna sing, in the middle of the storm
Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar
Up from the ashes, hope will arise
Death is defeated, the King is alive!

I raise a hallelujah, with everything inside of me
I raise a hallelujah, I will watch the darkness flee
I raise a hallelujah, in the middle of the mystery
I raise a hallelujah, fear you lost your hold on me!

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You are my joy, You are my joy
You are my joy, You are my joy
You are my joy, You are my joy
You are my joy, You are my joy

I can feel you lifting off the weight of the world

I can feel you lifting off the weight of the world

In You is all my hope and my peace

In You is all my hope and my peace

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The joy of the Lord is my strength
The joy of the Lord is my strength
In the darkness I'll dance
In the shadows I'll sing
The joy of the Lord is my strength

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Read: Matthew 2:1-23

Teaching: The Young Jesus

Communion

Pause as we take bread and wine together and reflect on His sacrifice

Luke 22:19-20

And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.



Prayers

Thank you for being our Saviour & friend, one who is faithful to your promises. We thank you for your immeasurable love that was expressed on the cross, help to truly grasp the extent of your love from which nothing can separate us.

In this world of change and uncertainty, thank you for the certain hope and joy found in you .

Thank you Lord that we can bring our prayers of request to you , that you listen to and will answer us , that nothing is too big or small to you .

In the midst of this pandemic we pray for key workers, the lonely & isolated, those who are fearful, anxious & worried, the sick & those in

recovery, those facing job insecurity, parents juggling home-school alongside work , for support workers - food banks , Gap , Cherished and Acacia.

Lord, give strength when fatigue and tiredness sets in. Give your comfort and peace in times of anxiety, stress, and worry.

Help us all to reach out and be there for each other, our family friends and neighbours.

Thank you for our Leadership team at Duke Street , for their dedication to serve us all - we know they don't take leadership lightly - Lord may they each continue to know your wisdom and guidance as they seek you in future days . Amen

Song: You're Beautiful

I see Your face in every sunrise
The colors of the morning are inside Your eyes
The world awakens in the light of the day
I look up to the sky and say
You're beautiful
(Oh, Oh, Oh, Oh)

I see Your power in the moonlit night
Where planets are in motion and galaxies are bright
We are amazed in the light of the stars
It's all proclaiming who You are
You're beautiful
(Oh, Oh, You're beautiful, Oh, Oh)

I see You there hanging on a tree
You bled and then you died and then you rose again for me
Now You are sitting on Your heavenly throne
Soon we will be coming home
You're beautiful
(Oh, Oh, You're beautiful, Oh, Oh)

When we arrive at eternity's shore
Where death is just a memory and tears are no more
We'll enter in as the wedding bells ring
Your bride will come together and we'll sing
You're beautiful
Oh, You're beautiful

I see Your face, You're beautiful
You're beautiful
You're beautiful

I see Your face, You're beautiful
You're beautiful
You're beautiful

I see Your face
I see Your face
I see Your face, You're beautiful
You're beautiful
You're beautiful

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Blessing

Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits

(Psalm 103:1-2)

Good News!

The following is a reminder of some of the good news we've heard over the past year which accompanies the songs at the beginning of the service.

January '20

- Carron joined us at Duke Street as Children & Youth Pastor

March '20

- Phil & Betty celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary

April '20

- The ozone hole over Antarctica closed & the Himalayas could be seen from India for the first time in 30 years.
- Simon & Kathy and Dave & Heather celebrated their 30th wedding anniversaries
- Elizabeth & Russell became grandparents - their daughter Lucy had a little girl called Evangeline Hope.
- We celebrated Easter with one of our first e-services.

May '20

- May Pillar celebrated her 90th birthday and Ivy celebrated her 100th birthday
- We celebrated the 75th anniversary of VE day.

June '20

- Faith & Martin had a little baby girl, Anna

July '20

- the Durans moved house & so did the McKinneys
- Roberta's back operation went well

August '20

- Easing of lockdown restrictions meant some could take holidays/staycations
- Kath Smith found out her cancer had been completely removed and had not returned.
- Africa was declared free of wild polio

September '20

- Rebeca Close won the 'Guardian Young Sports Writer of the Year' competition
- Amy Hallett was able to visit the UK from Canada
- We were able to conduct first round interviews with two team leader/pastor candidates
- China committed to achieving zero emissions by 2060

October '20

- Matt & Beth had their gender reveal scan ... baby boy Bryant is due in April
- Duke Street hosted 'The Great Glow Worm Hunt' - more than 40 children took part
- Ruth Hill celebrated her 90th birthday

November '20

- Lydia completed her 12 hours of silence for Children in Need - she raised an incredible £325
- We started running 'Duke Street Junction' services for families
- Several COVID-19 vaccines were shown to be safe & effective - these were the fastest developed vaccines ever

December '20

- Emily Meachin's parents were able to visit from America over Christmas
- We were able to host Christmas services in the church building
- BCM sent presents to over 1,230 families which amounts to 3,000 children
- Esther Hallett, Katie Hallett & Tim Loescher all got engaged (not to each other!)

January '21

- Millions of people in the UK have already had a COVID-19 vaccine ... & it looks like we might all get